

Barrier Blast Broken Hill High School



Broken Hill High School Core Values: Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Co-operative
17 November 2016

From the Principal

Principal's Retirement

After much thought I have decided to take long service leave at the end of this year and retire in 2017. It has been my very great privilege to be Principal of this fine old school. I began at the school as an English Head Teacher in 1988 after the fire and assisted with moving the classrooms back from the demountables to B Block. I moved to the position of Leading Teacher in 1994 and to Deputy Principal in 1999. I left the school from 2003 to 2007 working as a consultant for the Department of Education. I then returned to the school in 2008 as the Deputy Principal and became Principal in October 2009 when Daryl Ward took a secondment to a Regional position for two years. I have been substantive Principal since 2012.

I would like to thank the teachers, SASS staff, students, parents and community members who have assisted me over the years. I truly believe that we have a wonderful school community. I wish the school well in the coming years.

Geoff Webb
Principal

Lauren Schenk : Winner of the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Science Award for 2016.

Our congratulations go to Lauren Schenk of Year 11 for winning the Victor Chang Award for excellence in Science. Lauren is a committed and diligent student who richly deserves this prestigious award. She was presented with the award by the Mayor of Broken Hill, Ms Darriea Turley, at a function held at the Broken Hill City Council Chambers on Tuesday 15 November 2016.

2016 Presentation Night

Tuesday 6 December
7pm in the School Hall

Students will soon be receiving a letter to notify them of awards. Broken Hill High School has a proud tradition of awarding outstanding achievement and look forward to everyone attending.

Mobile Phones

There has been a recent spate of misuse of mobile phones in the classroom. This issue has recently been addressed on assembly to the student body, yet some students still persist in using them in the classroom despite these reminders.

I would like to remind all about the BHHS Mobile Phone Policy and Procedures. In short, **mobile phones are to be off and away during class time**, no exceptions. This is not negotiable as they cause significant disruptions to learning.

If a teacher requests that a student hand over their phone due to misuse, this request must be followed. **Refusal to hand the phone over will result in Deputy Principal intervention and related consequences.**

Failure to follow this directive will result in the following:

- 1st incident – phone will be confiscated and the student may pick it up at the end of the day at the front office.
- 2nd incident – phone will be confiscated, pre-suspension warning given, parental

contact and a parent will have to pick the phone up from the front office.

- 3rd incident – one day suspension will be given. Parental contact.
- 4th incident – two day suspension and so on.

As a parent, your assistance and support with this issue is greatly appreciated. It would also assist if parents did not call or message students during class time.

Students are permitted to use their mobile phones before school, during recess and lunch.

If you would like to discuss this issue further please contact either Deputy Principal's, Mr Devoy or My Gauci, for clarification.

Rob Devoy
Deputy Principal

Make Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting \$ Make a payment. Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called 'Other' this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings. 'Other' can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. **There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields OR there is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number. These are not used at our school, please leave blank.**

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Students Who Are Late To School or Leave Early

Students are NOT allowed to call their parents during school times to collect them. If students have a valid reason to be collected, they are to either go to the Front Office or the Deputy Principal for someone to call their parent/caregiver to come to the school and collect them.

Students who have a doctors/dentists appointment at a certain time can either have the parents attend the school to collect or supply their child with a note. This note must have a valid and reasonable reason for the child to be signing out of school with a time, date and signature.

It is recommended that if your child attends a doctor or other appointment, that they request a certificate and a copy is given to the school so their time out of school can be justified and explained properly.

If a student is late to school, they must provide a note or a phone call from parent/carer with a reasonable and valid reason. Personal and family reasons are not a valid reason.

If a student is late to school without a note it will be documented as late and unjustified, which affects their final attendance rate, unjustified and unexplained.

If a student continues with this behaviour the following will occur:

3rd offence – call home from the Year Advisor to discuss with parents.

5th offence – 20 days Individual Attendance Plan.

Support Unit

The Support Unit is extremely proud of all our Year 12 students that have worked tirelessly throughout their time at Broken Hill High School. They all have each achieved some great outcomes that will benefit them in the future.

Hailey Golding was recognised for her efforts with her wonderful Art works being displayed in the Year 12 exhibition at the GEO Centre on Friday night. The evening proved very popular, with a large number of staff and parents attending the exhibition. Hailey's paintings received many positive comments from the guests.

Hailey is pictured with her lovely art works at the exhibition.

Right Place, Right Time

There has been an increase of students not being in the right place at the right time at Broken Hill High School. To eliminate distractions and ensure all students are getting the most out of their time at school we have revised our truant procedures that will come into effect in the coming weeks.

It is essential students attend Roll Call every day as this ensures your child is present at school and this then doesn't affect their attendance. However, if your child is late they MUST sign in through the Front Office. Your child MUST have a legitimate reason and be supplied with a detailed note signed and dated by the parent/carer.

If your child is truanting class then the new system will ensure your child is spoken to and the following consequences will occur.

First offence – receive a written warning. This will be handed to the student.

Second offence – referred to relevant DP for pre-suspension and yellow monitoring card.

Seniors – one week loss of senior privileges

Third offence – Timeout Room for the Day

Fourth offence – SUSPENSION – 1 day

Fifth offence – SUSPENSION – 2 days

Parents/Carers can check on their child's attendance through the Parent Portal. If you have not received the access key for the parent portal please call the Front Office to receive one.

Regards, Paul Gauci
Deputy Principal (8,10,12)

Sign Out Procedures for Year 12 Students

If you are signing IN/OUT because you have free periods, you MUST sign in/out using the kiosk only.

This will only work if you have

1. Your flexible card (if you have lost this you will need to pay \$2 for a replacement card)
2. Returned your signed permission form to the Front Office.

If not you will NOT be signing out early and if we sign you in it will be Unapproved and will count towards your 3 late arrivals and a Deputy Detention will be issued.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBERS

If you have changed your address, phone number or have a new emergency contact person (in case we can't get in contact with you if your child is sick or in case of an emergency) please let the Front Office know so details can be updated.

Assessments Due



HSC Legal Studies Assessment Task.
Contemporary Issues in Human Rights. 15%
due Wednesday 7 December 2016

Year 12 Biology pH and CO₂ First-hand
Investigation (20%) due on Thursday 1
December, before 9 am at the Front Office.

All assessment tasks will be posted through the
parent portal by their classroom teacher.

If there are any concerns or enquiries please
contact Mr Gauci at school.

Please submit your assessment tasks as due to
your teacher by 9:00 am on the above due
date(s).

Upcoming PBL student activities

During Week 9 and 10, as we approach the end of the year, there will be various exciting activities on offer to students. It will be fantastic to see as many students as possible making the most of these events.

December 8-9. An overnight trip to Mildura will be held for selected students who have consistently displayed the core values of the school throughout the year. Activities on the trip include the House of Bounce, Splashpark and movies. Those students who meet the selection criteria will have already received notes from Mrs Usher and require a deposit of \$50 to be paid to the front office to secure a place.

December 13. Students who have reached Conqueror Award status of 500 B'Hillians will be invited to a free afternoon at the pool with an included BBQ lunch. The slide and inflatable will also be available for students to use.

December 14. Students with 95% attendance or above will be treated to a free BBQ lunch. During Periods 5 and 6 the Monster Draw will be held, with many fun activities and prizes up for offer!

SRC NEWS:

This Term, three of our SRC Students, Sasha Cox, Neve Robins and Lachlan Cattonar, were selected

to take part in the Advocate for Children and Young People's State-wide Citizens' Jury.

Over 40 schools from across NSW came together to discuss the health of children and young people, as a part of 2016 Children's Week activities. Our students teamed up with representatives from Willyama High and Burke Ward Primary to participate in the event via live video-conference, due to the limitations placed by our rural location.

The two-and-a-half-hour event was focused on gaining the opinions of children and young people in NSW on the topic of 'Should sugary drinks be banned from school canteens?'. Students heard from expert speakers in both for and against, and were required to deliberate in groups. Through the use of the interactive presentation software Zeetings, students were able to ask questions directly to the speakers, convey their thoughts and opinions and submit votes and answers. By the end of the session, children and young people of NSW had voted YES, sugary drinks should be banned from school canteens. Our students were honoured to represent the school in this event, and gained an insight into how to improve the healthiness of our school canteen and in turn, the wellbeing of the student body.

Sasha Cox

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Year 12 HSC Artworks Exhibition

Outstanding Student Achievement in HSC Visual Arts

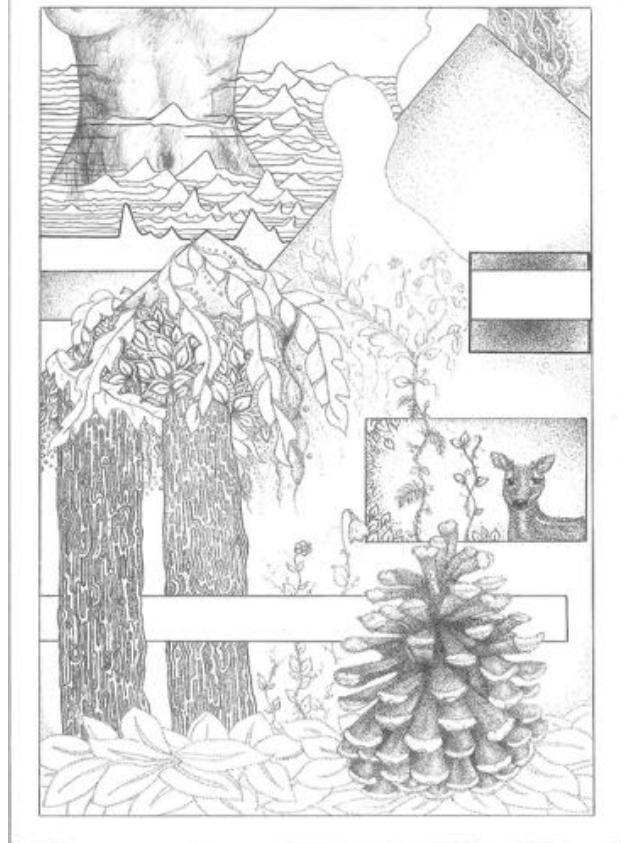
Lizzie Wilson has received notification from BOSTES that her HSC artwork 'Retrospect: The Cruellest Invention' has been nominated for ArtExpress. This means her artwork impressed the visiting HSC Visual Arts examiners and that they have recommended for Lizzie's artwork to be displayed at the Art Gallery of NSW early in 2017.

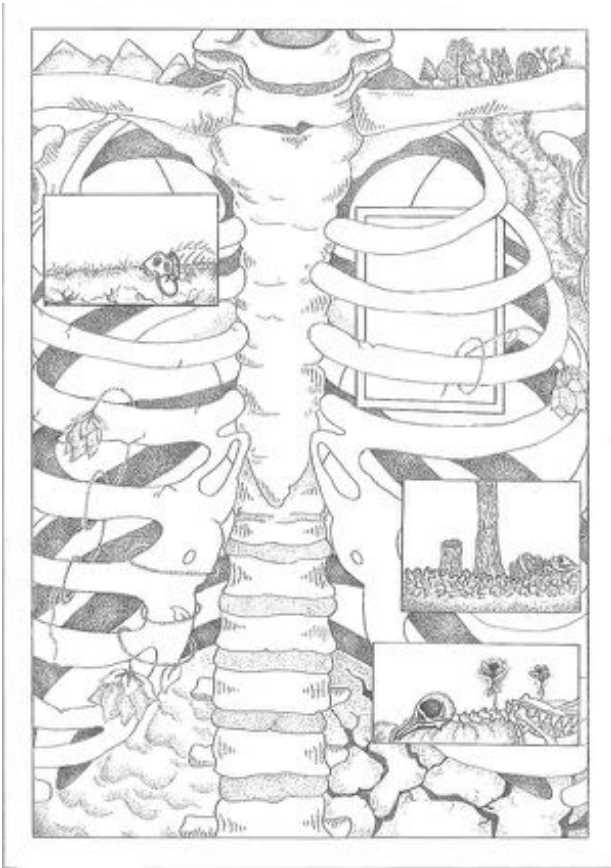
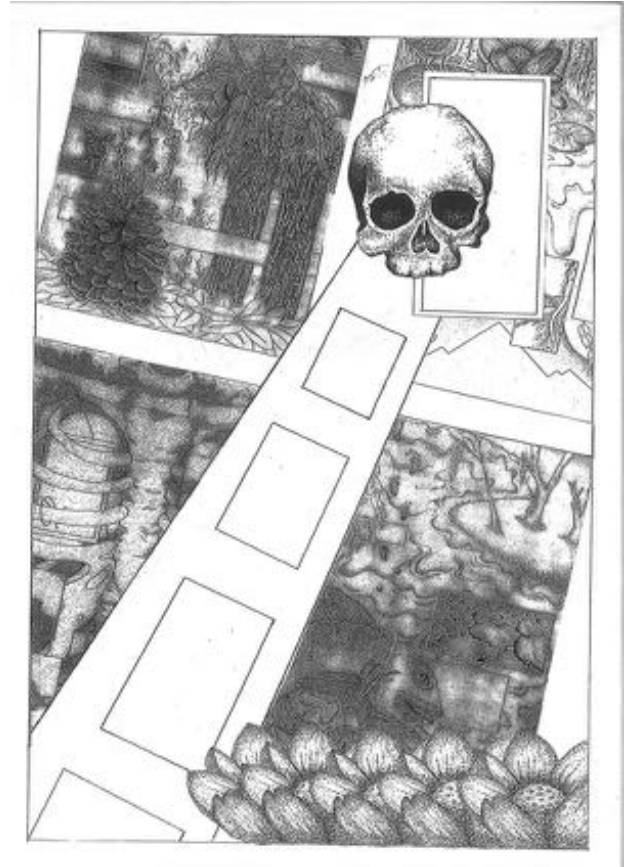
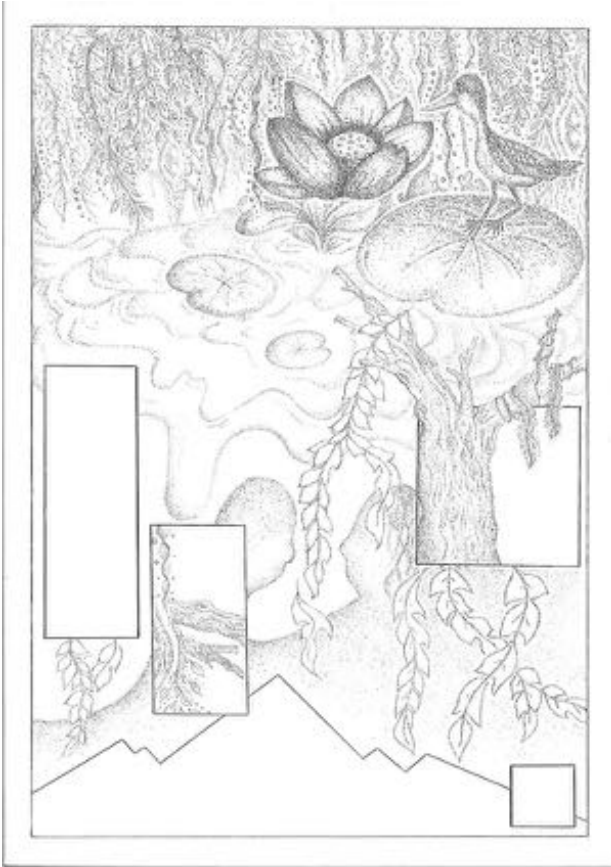
Lizzie will find out at the end of November if she has made the final selection. If selected, she will be invited to attend the opening at the AGNSW in Sydney.

This is an outstanding achievement by Lizzie. She is only the second BHHS student to be nominated for ArtExpress. Hannah Brimstone was selected for ArtExpress and exhibited at the AGNSW in 2011.

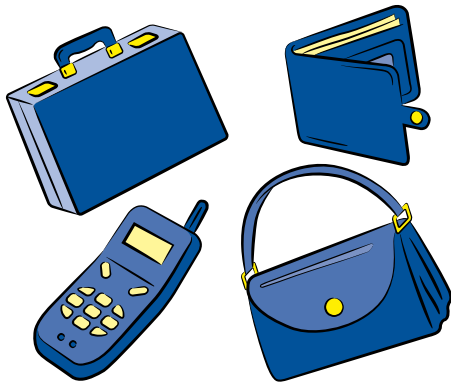
This is a wonderful recognition of Lizzie's creativity, intelligence and outstanding effort!

Lizzie Wilson's Artwork





Park Smarter



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Take Your Valuables**



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Park Smarter

Thieves are at work! If they're not after your vehicle, then you can bet they're after any valuables you've left inside. In this local area, thieves are stealing laptops, cash from consoles, mobile phones, sunglasses, CDs, wallets and handbags left in vehicles.

You can reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of theft by parking smarter. You should always:

- Remove the ignition keys and lock your doors and windows
- Take everything of value from your vehicle each time you leave it
- Avoid parking in dimly lit or isolated areas
- Remove any documents in your vehicle which identify where you live – your home might be the thieves' next target
- Don't hide any spare keys inside or under your vehicle – thieves know just where to look
- Engrave or mark your vehicle's accessories with your licence number.

Remember, security is important all of the time. Protect your property by following these tips and contact your local police or Crime Stoppers on 1300 333 000. (TTY 9211 3776 for speech and hearing impaired)



NSW Police Force
www.police.nsw.gov.au

Application Forms

Application forms and further information on the 2017 United Space School Program are available from:

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Willyama High School
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Parent Information Session will be held on Monday 21st November 2016, 6pm at the Broken Hill University Department of Rural Health, Corrindah Court, Broken Hill.

Applications Close:
2nd December 2016



Neve's team came from all over the world.



USS students spending their free time at a local amusement park.



University
of Houston
Clear Lake

**FOUNDATION OF
INTERNATIONAL SPACE
EDUCATION**

United Space School

Information Pamphlet



Neve trying out some space equipment.

2017

Student Program

Broken Hill High School,
Willyama High School

&

Foundation of International
Space Education
Houston, Texas

An experience... of a lifetime

Are you a girl in Year 9, 10 or 11 who has an interest in attending the 2017 United Space School Program to be held in Houston, Texas, in July-August.

Do you want to experience the adventure of a life time, make friends from around the world, visit the Johnson Space Centre NASA and join in planning a Mission to Mars.

If you are adventurous and think this great opportunity may be for you why not have a go. Want to know what it's like? Ask Neve Robins (Year 11) from Broken Hill High School about her United Space School experience.

My experience...

By Neve Robins

2016 United Space School Participant

During my two weeks at United Space School, I toured NASA, participated in activities all around Houston with my host family and made life-long friends from all over the world. As a school we had the chance to learn from astronauts, experience different cultures and visit some iconic places like the Apollo 11 Mission Control Room.

The basis of the space school was to work in teams to form a mission to Mars and I was a member of the Green Team. We were in charge of designing the building for the Mars Habitat as well as maintaining the health of the crew whilst on the planet.

During my time in Houston, I stayed with a host family and they made sure I was fed and rested as well as giving me a taste of their culture.

To make sure we felt more comfortable with our families, we shared with a host sibling. My sibling was a girl from Bolivia and she was in the Red team which was responsible for the transit to Mars. After school each day, all students would normally meet up and do a fun activity like a soccer

match or even paintballing. We would also go with our host families and do things around Houston.

Throughout the two weeks you truly learn the ins and outs of space travel through your mentors, numerous speakers and the stories of workers in the space industry all of whom were really inspiring. It was a fantastic experience and I certainly met some amazing people during my time there.

What Parents Need to Know!

1. Only 1 student can attend the 2017 United Space School program from either Broken Hill High School or Willyama High School. The opportunity is open to girls only at this stage as the United Space School has a policy of accepting 1 male and 1 female student from each participating country and a male student is already attending from Perth.
2. Students will need to arrive in Houston Texas on the 22 July through to 7 August, 2017.



Three Australians at the Culture Faire.

3. All costs associated with travel, school fees, spending money etc. need to be covered by the family (approx. \$5,000 - \$6,000). Please note that where necessary, there will be student support in fundraising the required funds through a variety of fund raising events and we are also actively seeking sponsorship.
4. Students are hosted in pairs (generally from different countries) with Houston families in the Clear Lake area. Accommodation and transport to and from events and venues is all covered.

5. Students get to participate in lectures, work as teams, enjoy cultural events, sporting events and games evenings whilst they are away.

6. The 2016 student and their family are happy to provide support and information to the successful 2017 student and family. (A great way to avoid potential pitfalls and ensure your child is well prepared for their adventure).

7. Students from the following countries will be participating in the 2017 program Australia, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, France -Brittany, Germany, India, Isle of Man, Italy, Mexico, Navajo Nation - Arizona, Netherlands New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Russia, Scotland, South Africa, US - Kentucky and Wales.

8. Kids don't have to be a genius but do need to be proficient in English, Mathematics and Science.

9. There is preparatory activities that do have to be completed prior to the student attending United Space School and these include reading a fiction and non-fiction science book and completing a book review on both, completing several mathematical equations relating to space travel. (Support to complete these tasks will be available from the school, they are not as hard as they sound).

10. Kids wishing to apply will need to have a level of maturity and independence. They are considered cultural ambassadors representing Australia. They also need to be able to get themselves through the travel procedures, customs and immigration. The 2016 student is happy to walk the 2017 student through the process prior to their departure.



Neve's team and Irish Mentor.



Cubby House

FOR SALE

Built by the senior Construction students of Broken Hill High school, as part of their Certificate II qualification.

The Cubby is 1.8 meters wide, 2.4 meters long including a 0.6 meter veranda. It has 2 windows and a half height panel door, fibro wall lining, board and pitched corrugated zincalume roof, A large chalkboard Will Also be fitted to the back wall.

These make a great present for the kids, and with Christmas coming up, they are always snapped up early... be quick so you don't miss out!!!

A bargain at \$1000.00. delivered. Ready from Week 7 Term 4

For further details or to have a look, Contact:

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